

## APPROVAL OF NAME FOR NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AT 1150 PASSAGE MOUND WAY

**BACKGROUND:** On both September 10 and September 30, a committee comprised of community members, parents, and FCPS leadership met to discuss and determine the name for the district's new elementary school, located at 1150 Passage Mound Way. This school will open its doors to students in August of 2016.

The following is a list of committee members:

Sarah Woodford	Principal	Passage Mound Elementary Site
Schuronda Morton	Director	FCPS Elementary Schools
Jimmy Meadows	Director	FCPS Elementary Schools
John Price	Board Chair	Fayette County School
Kimberly Ross	Parent	Yates Elementary
Karen Billings	Parent	Athens-Chilesburg Elementary
Christopher Dotson	Parent	Athens-Chilesburg Elementary
Alexandra McConnell	Parent	Liberty Elementary

The rationale for naming the facility included compliance with and consideration of school board policy, which requires the name reflect the geographic significance of the area, or an individual who contributed in a significant way on a local, state, and national level.

Timeline:

- On September 7, a survey posted to the FCPS website and advertised to stakeholders began receiving input on the name of the school.
- On September 10, the committee met for the first time and reviewed FCPS Board Policy on naming a school, discussed viable options, and studied the timeline and process for assigning a name to the school.
- On September 30, the committee met for the second time and reviewed the 8 top name contenders (as gathered from both public input and committee members). After a lengthy discussion and with full consensus, the committee selected the name Garrett Morgan Elementary for the name of the school.

**PROPOSAL:** The committee for the naming of the new elementary school located at 1150 Passage Mound Way is recommending to the Board of Education that this facility be named **Garrett Morgan Elementary**. Garrett Morgan was born March 4, 1877 in Paris, KY the son of former slaves. He moved to Ohio at the age of 14 and spent many years there working as a handyman and repairman. In 1895 he moved to Cleveland where he lived until his death in 1963 at the age of 86. He was inspired by the world around him which led him to invent and patent a number of inventions including the first hair straightener, early respirators used by firemen and the traffic signaling system which incorporated the yellow "warning" light, still in use today. He was an entrepreneur and accomplished businessman who won many national and international awards during his lifetime.

<b>Item</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Measurable Expected Impact and Timeline</b>
Naming the New Elementary School at 1150 Passage Mound Way Garrett Morgan Elementary	0.00	N/A	

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**POLICY REFERENCE:** 05.1 Facilities (Construction and Naming).

**RECOMMENDATION:** A motion is in order to:

“Name the New Elementary School located at 1150 Passage Mound Way “GARRETT MORGAN ELEMENTARY